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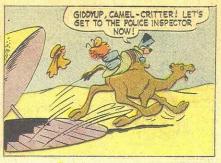
























































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"Now don't forget," Mama elephant reminded Packy, "go straight down to the water hole and get cleaned up. No short cuts, and don't stop to play. You must be back here by noon. It is very important," she said emphatically. "You will be able to tell when it is noon, because the sun will be directly overhead in the sky. Now hurry," she added, paddling-him gently with her trunk.

Packy bounced off through the thick brush toward the water hole. "Don't delay, don't stop to play, hurry home right away," he chanted over and over so he wouldn't forget what his mama had told him.

Mama watched him go with a worried frown. "I wonder if I should have told him about the birthday party. What if he forgets to come right home? Everything will be ruined. Still, if I had told him, it wouldn't be a surprise party at all," she decided.

Packy loved nothing better than to splash in the water hole. The minute he dabbled his toes in the cool wet water, he completely forgot about everything but the joy of playing in the pool. He forgot that he had only come to get clean, and he was soon rolling over, first on one side, then the other, until the water churned and bubbled.

"PHEEE! What fun!" he trumpeted happily, spraying his back in a shower of rain.

"PHEEE!" he bellowed as loud as he could. This was a signal for his friends to come out and join the fun. "PHEEE!" he repeated, but nothing happened. No one came. "I wonder why they are hiding," he muttered. "Hey! That's it. They are hiding on purpose. They must want me to look for them."

Packy bounced out of the pool and shook the water off his back. "It's sure hot today," he noticed, looking at the sun directly over his head but not remembering that noon was the time his mama had told him to come home. "Here I come, ready or not!" he warned bouncing down the trail, looking in all the regular hiding places his friends used, and some very irregular ones, too. But on this day, it seemed the jungle was deserted.

Packy finally stopped to catch his breath when he found himself on the trail heading towards home. The familiar landmarks reminded him of something. "PHEEE! What shall I do now? What was it Mama told me not to forget? I think she said to go out and play and not come home until I saw the moon," he guessed incorrectly. "It's no fun to play alone. I'd better go home, anyhow. I'll bet Mama will understand when I explain it to her," he decided, turning and lumbering down the homeward path.

He was almost there when he heard laughing, happy voices, echoing from the clearing ahead.

"PHEE! Sounds like a party. I wonder why no one invited me. I love parties," he said in a sad voice. "Or maybe I was invited and just forgot about it. I do forget things occasionally. I think I'll go, anyway. Maybe they will invite me to stay."

His decision made, Packy bounded through a tangle of vines and found himself right in the midst of all the friends he had been searching for. "Surprise! It's me, Packy!" he trumpeted. "I've come to the party, too. Can I stay?" he asked hopefully.

"Surprise, yourself!" "It's your party!" "Of course you can stay." "Where were you?" "Happy birthday!" his friends all shouted and laughed as they crowded around him.

But his mama looked at him and shook her head. "Oh, Packy! You are so forgetful that you almost spoiled your own surprise party."

"PHEEE!" Packy trumpeted. "I wouldn't say that. This way we were all surprised. Even you, Mama!" he giggled.

























































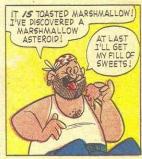






























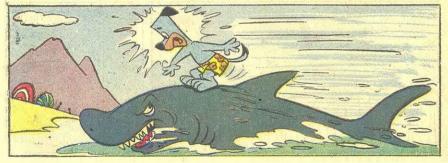












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